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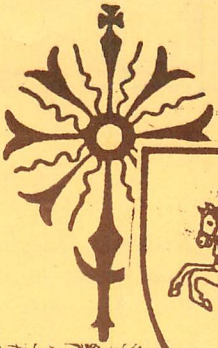

FOR GOD
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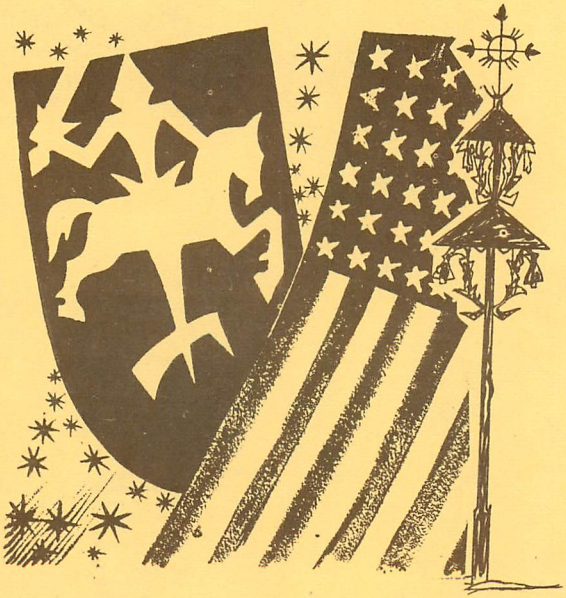
1988

VYČIŲ HIMNAS

Nuženk, Galybe, iš dangaus,
Sustiprink jauną Vyčių dvasią.
Mes už teisybę stosim drąsiai
Tėvynę ginti kuo narsiau.
O plieno kardas priešą draus,
O plieno kardas priešą draus.

Štai plevėsuoja vėliava,
Ką kalba jos žymė?
Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai:
Mums viską davė Lietuva,
Vaduosim galva ją sava.
Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai.



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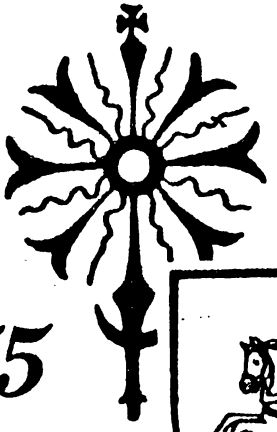

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Knights of Lithuania

75th NATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 28-31, 1988

SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Host: SUPREME COUNCIL

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WASHINGTON

July 7, 1988

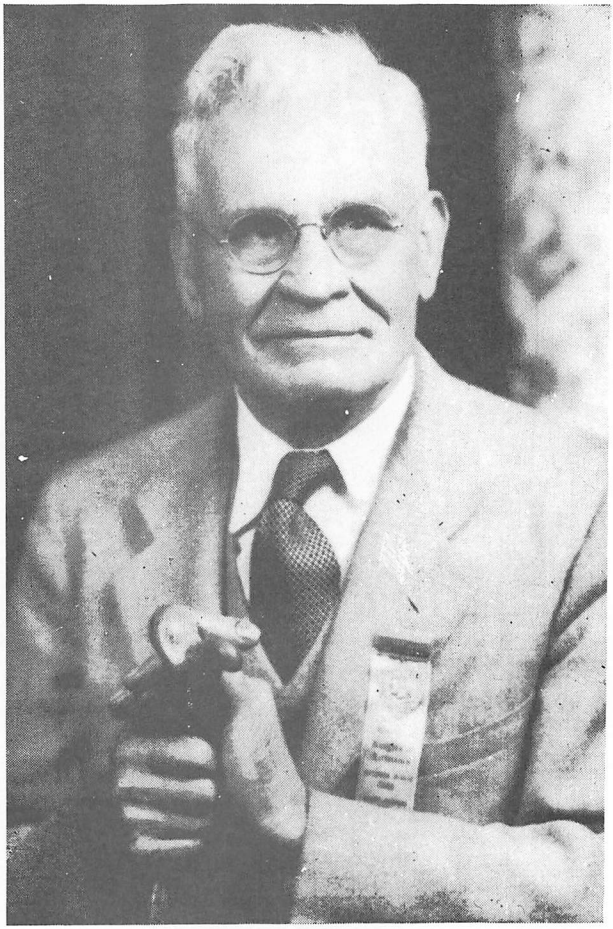
Greetings and congratulations to the Knights of Lithuania as you gather for your Annual National Convention and celebrate your 75th Anniversary.

You can be truly proud as you commemorate this milestone. For three-quarters of a century, you and your predecessors have fostered the Lithuanian and American heritages of faith, family, and freedom. You have perpetuated your rich cultural traditions, served your neighbor, and strengthened community and country. You have also reminded the world that freedom and independence must be restored to your homeland of Lithuania and that religious persecution and other denials of human rights must cease there and in other Captive Nations. I am proud to commend you.

Again, congratulations and very best wishes for many more anniversaries. God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States



Mykolas Norkunas

Mykolas N. Norkunas in 1915

Innaugural Convention 1913

VYSKUPAS Paulius Baltakis, OFM

Sveikina Lietuvos Vyčius

Broliai ir Sesės Lietuvos Vyčiai:

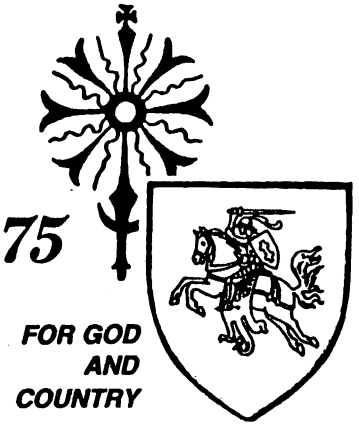
Su džiaugsmu ir pasididžiavimu sveikinu Jus deimantinio jubiliejaus proga.

Dauguma Jūsų esate trečios ar ketvirtos kartos lietuviai, ir ne vienas gimęs ir augęs tautiniai mišriose šeimose, tačiau visi išlikote ištikimi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos kūrėjų idealams.

Mano linkejimas ir malda, šio jubiliejaus proga — dideli ir garbingi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos darbai tebunie paskatinimu mums visiems, sąžiningai atliekant savo luomo ir profesijos pareigas, išlikti susipratusiais katalikais ir sąmoningais lietuviais.

Vytiškai,

VYSKUPAS PAULIUS BALTAKIS, OFM



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
75th JUBILEE COMMITTEE

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Knights of Lithuania

Founded 1913
SUPREME COUNCIL

Dear Delegates and Guests,

We are 75 years young. Our dear K of L is celebrating its 75th birthday.

I like to use the word young because it denotes vim, vigor and vitality. All three are requisites for a strong, solid organization such as our Knights of Lithuania. Most of us joined as young people and through the years we retained our young outlook on life even though we are not so young in years.

I'm most happy to be a member of the K of L and I'm most happy to be participating in this Diamond Jubilee Convention. I've been a member since 1952, almost half of the K of L's lifetime. Because of the K of L I have grown in wisdom and stature. Because of the K of L I was thrust into a variety of leadership roles over the years handling each to the best of my ability. A person can't help but grow in wisdom when he leads others.

Becoming involved in an organization is good for all people. You will grow and blossom. Even older plants blossom and many have the most beautiful blossoms. Don't wait until tomorrow to get involved. You may not be here tomorrow. Get involved today and stay involved. The more of us who become involved the more our organization grows and becomes vibrant. Remember the future is now. Work and enjoy your K of L today and the remaining days of your life.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your National President for the last three years. They were three very busy years. I traveled much, I spoke much, I wrote much, and I enjoyed much. I met many fine peoples and I acquired a lot of friends. It has always been my desire to meet Lithuanians from all over the United States and being President has given me that opportunity.

Let us enjoy this fine Diamond Jubilee Convention which Chairman Helen Shields and her very able assistants have arranged for us. We have good reason to celebrate because we are 75 years young.

Have a good Convention.

Vytiškai,

Frank Petrauskas

Frank Petrauskas
National President

Frank Petrauskas, National President

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75th National Convention Committee

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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, 75 YEARS YOUNG

by Loretta I. Stukas

As it celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, the Knights of Lithuania does not look any worse for wear! At a time when interest in organization activity is waning, the Knights boast of an ever-growing membership, of expanding into new territories and of increased activity. How can we account for this success?

Perhaps the founders foresaw the needs of future members and planned an organizational set-up accordingly, laying down a plan easy to follow and to adapt to changing times. Perhaps the organization's activities were attractive enough to encourage continuous growth, or the desire to find one's roots keeps new members flowing into the organization, providing a supply of leaders. Or, perhaps a combination of these factors is responsible for the Knights' success.

The Knights of Lithuania was formed in 1913 by a group of young immigrants who came to the USA seeking freedom from Russian oppression but were imbued with a love of their Lithuania They founded the Knights to keep that love of Lithuania and its culture alive in themselves and their descendents. Today as then, the Knights work toward a united goal, to keep Lithuanianism alive and well in the USA and to bring about Lithuania's freedom from her current Communist oppressors.

The organization provides for activity on the local and national levels, for all members of the family. Councils, in Lithuanian communities and normally in Lithuanian parishes have their own activities and also unite into districts by geographic area. Councils and districts send delegates to annual National Conventions where national policy is set and national officers are selected.

Youngsters under the age of 16 may join Junior Councils under guidance of regular members. Older members may

organize or join Senior Councils to maintain contact with older and retired members. And non-Lithuanian spouses of members may become associate members and be involved with their families in all organization activities.

Many lasting friendships have been formed through the K of L where all have the same backgrounds, religion, traditions. Many have found their life's partners in the Knights.

The Knights have responded to every major problem or joy of the Lithuanian people. They provided material and moral aid to Lithuania's fight for independence and traveled to Lithuania after independence was won, where they presented freedom fighter General Zukauskas with a gold sword as a token of their appreciation.

The Knights reacted to the tragedies inflicted by WW-II by helping post-WW-II Lithuanian immigrants arriving to escape Communist oppression in Lithuania. To make public the reality of the Soviet occupation of Lithuania and the accompanying persecution of the Catholic Church there, the Knights organized the Lithuanian Affairs committee in 1947. Rev. John C. Jutt, who founded the committee and headed it until his death in 1971, started a letter-writing and political activism campaign which aimed to keep the name of Lithuania alive, unsullied and respected. The campaign continues today.

As head of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Father Jutt was the first priest to lead Congress in prayer for Lithuania in 1947, commemorating the anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuanian Independence. The practice continues in Congress since then, each February.

Each year, the Knights honor some prominent non-Lithuanian with the "Friend of Lithuania" Award for his or her work on Lithuania's behalf. Recipients include Congressman Peter Rodino, Speaker of the House John McCormack, Cardinal Cushing, Anglican priest Father Michael Bourdeaux, and, in abscentia, Russian dissident Sergei Kovalov, among others.

The K of L Lithuanian Cultural Committee was organized in the 1950s by Dr. Jack Stukas to promote Lithuanian culture in the councils. The Committee informs councils about Lithuanian

culture, suggests cultural activities, donates Lithuania-subject books to libraries, produced and sold Lithuanian-learning records.

Chicago has a Knights of Lithuania Choir directed by Faustas Strolia and a Knights of Lithuania Dance Group directed by Frank Zapolis. Both groups advertise Lithuania's culture by performing before Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian audiences. The Choir has also produced several records and tapes. A Pennsylvania council sponsors an annual Lithuanian Festival attended by some 15,000 Lithuanians.

The Knights of Lithuania has a permanent Archives Room in the ALKA Museum in Putnam, CT, where K of L memorabilia is stored and displayed.

The Knights take serviously both parts of their motto, "For God and Country", and have been active in all matters religious. Most councils are related to a Lithuanian parish and serve as a backbone in keeping the parish alive. Each council has a priest as a spiritual advisor. Those without a Lithuanian parish or priest nearby "adopt" a sympathetic non-Lithuanian priest to serve their spiritual needs.

St. Casimir is honored annually in each council or district with a joint St. Casimir Mass, Communion and Breakfast. Nationally, the organization has published booklets on St. Casimir, Our Lady of Siluva and Religious Persecution in Lithuania. Through individual donations, the Knights have also contributed $2000 to $3000 each year for the past 7 or 8 year to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, each year providing the principal sum toward the publication of an issue of the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania."

The K of L helped finance the Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington and prominently attended its dedication. They sponsored the building of the Lithuanian Shrine at the NY World's Fair and have erected Lithuanian Crosses for many Lithuanian parishes. They were the only organization to sponsor an excursion to Rome in 1970 for the blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica.

Several hundred members traveled to the Vatican to celebrate the 500th Commemoration of the Death of St. Casimir in 1984, and the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee in 1987, and participated with their work as well as with their attendance. K of L members were part of the Offertory Processions of both events, and gifts were presented on behalf of the K of L to the Holy Father on both occasions. They helped on the arrangements committee, served as ushers, sold Medallions, and were available wherever needed. The Knights were also represented at the consecration of Lithuania's new Cardinal. Vincentas Sladkevičius, on June 28, 1988. The new Cardinal was also presented a gift by the Knights of Lithuania at the Consecration ceremony.

In most local celebrations of the St. Casimir and Lithuanian Christianity Jubilees, K of L-ers were at the helm, and K of L Councils provided assistance on the committees and wherever needed.

The Knights were active in gathering signatures on petitions asking the Holy Father's intercession is the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis, a cause which became a fact during the June, 1987 celebration of Lithuania's 600th Christianity Jubilee.

Since 1958, outstanding young members have been awarded scholarships to assist them with their higher education. Currently, over $3000 in grants is awarded each year. All of the scholarship money is donated by members and councils.

For 70 years, the Knights of Lithuania has published VYTIS, THE KNIGHT 10 times per year, as its official organ. VYTIS ARTICLES ARE AIMED AT MAKING THE READER PROUD OF HIS OR HER Lithuanian heritage. Articles about Lithuanian life and culture, our Catholic Faith, the organization, and famous Lithuanian personages are featured in English and/or Lithuanian.

Annual National Conventions bring together delegates and guests from all parts of the USA to discuss the organization and its goals, to refresh their membership, to socialize with fellow members, to select national K of L leaders, and to set national K of L policy.

In 1972, the K of L was the first Lithuanian organization to initiate cultural contacts with Lithuanians in South America, visiting Lithuanian colonies in Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela. Several other trips were sponsored to Europe, including Fatima and Lourdes.

In 1982, the Knights under the leadership of Loretta Stukas, established an Endowment Fund, the "Knights of Lithuania Foundation", to provide a vehicle whereby councils and members may donate capital which is invested and the interest used for cultural and religious causes dear to the K of L heart. Through a generous donation by Mr. Ben Karklius, a special "Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship" has been established by the Foundation. Also, Msgr. Juozas Prunskis" generous donation to the Foundation has enabled the establishment of an annual essay contest sponsored by the Foundation. Other donations are invested and used for various publications and other projects.

An important Diamond Jubilee project of the Knights was the publication of a substantial, analytic history, tracing the Knights of Lithuania origin, its significance and its impact on the ethnic community. Rev. William Wolkovich researched and authored the book, and it will be officially presented during the Jubilee Convention.

Today, the Knights boast of over 4,000 members, with nearly 60 councils in California, Ohio, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Illinois, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and, most recently, Wisconsin, Kansas and Texas.

The Knights like to think of themselves as a "select group of people who know who they are." They have found and are nuturing their roots. That is their strength. But they also appreciate and revere their American citizenship. The Knights of Lithuania can indeed look back over its 75 years of activity with well-earned pride.

Men like founder Mykolas Norkunas, Leonard Simutis, Alexander Aleksis and Rev. John C. Jutt, who are specially honored at this Jubilee Convention, and others have paved a clear

path. It is up to us to follow their example,As we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, let us resolve to continue and intensify our commitment to the goals set down by our founding fathers, and to our motto "Dievui ir Tėvynei". . . "For God and Country."

KAS TIE VYČIAI?

Kas tie Vyčiai, žmonės klausia,
Kaip jie atsirado,
Kas gi, pirmas Vytis buvo,
Ir kas buvo vadas?

Energingas, darbštus vyras
Mykolas Norkūnas,
Jis sukūrė Vyčių kuopą,
Jis jų pirmtakūnas.

Dirbdamas su jaunais Vyčiais
Daugiau narių verbavo
Tėvynei, tautai ir bažnyčiai
Aukojo jėgas savo.

Augo, bujojo Vyčių grupelės
Narių, minčių daugėjo
Ir štai dabar, laimingai švenčia
Deimanto jubiliejų.

Vieningai dirba Lietuvos Vyčiai,
Stiprėja kūnu ir dvasia,
Gyvena tautai ir bažnyčiai
Jėgų jiems duoda Lietuva.

Ilgiausių metų Lietuvos Vyčiams,
Centro Valdybai, kuopoms, nariams
Dvasios vadovams ir bažnyčioms,
Linkim sėkmės kilniems darbams. . .

Vyčių 100-ji Kuopa Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušienė
Amsterdam, N. Y.

(Excerps from a talk presented during the April 21, 1987, meeting of K of L council 112 by Leonard J. Šimutis — material related to the **Knights of Lithuania** and Leonard Šimutis 1892-1975. Material is based upon and translated from the unpublished memoirs of Leonard Šimutis.)

From the Memoirs of Leonard Šimutis

Knights of Lithuania members are aware that the organization was organized on April 27, 1913, under the auspices of the **Lithuanian Catholic Federation,** and, that in 1912 during the national convention of the **Lithuanian Catholic Alliance** Mr. M. A. Norkunas presented a plan to establish youth councils in Lithuanian-American communities. Basically, Mr. Norkunas and the other founders of the Knights of Lithuania did not believe that the older established Lithuanian organizations **were suitable** for the development of future Lithuanian-American community leaders. Also, a Lithuanian-American organization was required that could unite Lithuanian youth in the United States and through them preserve the culture of Lithuania and fight for the restoration of a free Lithuania. In a 1963 **Vytis** article my father points out that the K of L organizacion was the first Lithuanian-American organization to concern itself primarily with Lithuanian youth!

My father was prominently associated with all three organization already mentioned: the **Knights of Lithuania,** the **Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance** and, the **Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation.** In addition to those three organizations he was also associated with the Lithuanian daily **Draugas,** the **American Lithuanian Council,** and, **Lithuanian Catholic Charities.**

The following K of L information/materials were freely translated from the unfinished memoirs of Leonard Šimutis:

1) With the arrival of Rev. Fabijonas Kemežis in the United States during 1914 my father states that a new era began in Lithuanian-American Roman Catholic activities — a type of rebirth, renaissance was established in 1914, Rev. Kemežis was

the editor of Draugas and lived in the Providence of God rectory where my father also was living. (My father had come to the United States at the invitation of Rev. Krušas, pastor of Providence of God parish, so that my father might continue his studies for the priesthood in the United States. My father lived in the Providence of God rectory with Rev. Krusas from the Fall of 1913 until probably the summer of 1915. This enabled him to meet many Lithuanian clergyman many become his lifelong friends).

2) Rev. Kemežis especially cherished the Knights of Lithuania organization and much of his time and energy was devoted to the K of L's. He was instrumental in organizing Council #4 at the 18th St. Parish (Providence of God) with Aleksandras Aleksis (then organist at this parish) and my father, Leonard Šimutis. Rev. Kemežis visited many other Lithuanian parishes and colonies in order to establish new K of L councils. Other K of L Councils were influenced by the activities and accomplishments of C-4. During the July 1914 national K of L convention in Brockton, Mass, Rev. Kemežis, A. Aleksis, and, Leonard Šimutis were delegates representing C-4.

3) The second K of L Convention, the establishment of many active K of L councils in the Chicago area, especially C-4 vith the leadership of Rev. Kemežis, A. Aleksis and L. Šimutis, the year 1914 can be regarded as a very important and historical for the K of L organization. A new leaf had been turned in K of L history that ensured the future of the entire organization

4) According to the **Lithuanian Encyclopedia,** Rev. Kemežis initiated the idea of publishing a journal for the K of L organization.

5) When the Lithuanian poet, M. Gustaitis, visited the United States in 1914 he lived at the Providence of God rectory. He had written a text for a K of L hymn and my father was present when the poem was read to Rev. Kemežis and Rev. Krušas. They all agreed that the poem was worthy of a musical setting. Mr. A. Aleksis (Aleksandravičius) was asked to compose the music for the poem. The K of L Hymn became very popular during the early period of K of L history.

Leonardas Šimutis

6) The 1915 national K of L convention selected four students to organize, administer, and, edit their "Vytis" publication. According to my father, Leonard Šimutis, Račkus, Pakštas, Linkus gave the name to this new K of L publication. Since A. Linkus left to enter the seminary, the remaining trio — Račkus, Pakštas and Šimutis distributed their duties so that Pakštas and Račkus became the editors and Šimutis the administrator. They rented two rooms at 731 West 18th Street (Chicago) for the publication of **Vytis** and also lived in these two rooms along with Izadore Iliakis, a student at the Art Institute. Iliakis did not pay any rent but was required to keep the rooms clean. They had four folding beds that were removed during the daytime so that the room could be converted into a **Vytis** office. Since the first name of Račkus was Aleksandras and Aleksandras Aleksis was a frequent visitor they named their headquarters ("bustine") "Aleksandrynu". Their food consisted mainly of black bread and homemade sour milk.

Aleksandras J. Aleksis

7) The first issue of **Vytis** contains a poem, "Meilė" written by my father. Originally, he had discarded that poem into a wastepaper basket. A. Račkus found it and questioned my father regarding the authorship of this poem. My father told both Pakštas and Račkus that he was not satisfied with the poem and discarded it. Both of them told him that they were very pleased with the poem and that it should be published. It is interesting to note that Aleksis composed a vocal solo using "Meilė" for the text and Iliakis designed the cover for the published musical composition. This composition was frequently performed at many Lithuanian recitals and concerts. It was also the very first solo composition composed by Mr. Aleksis. Leonard Šimutis wrote at least 550 poems during his lifetime along with several texts for operettas, and a number of stories. A collection of about 180 poems was published in 1988 by his son and **daughterinlaw**. His operetta "Į tėvynę", with music composed by Aleksis, was performed by K of L choirs in 1918 (Detroit, Mich. C-79 K of L Choir), 1923 (Springfield, ILL. C-48 K of L Choir), and, 1931 (Chicago District K of L Choir at Nativity B. V. M. hall). At present, I am not aware of any other possible performances of this operetta.

8) In 1934, my father received a medal from the Knights of

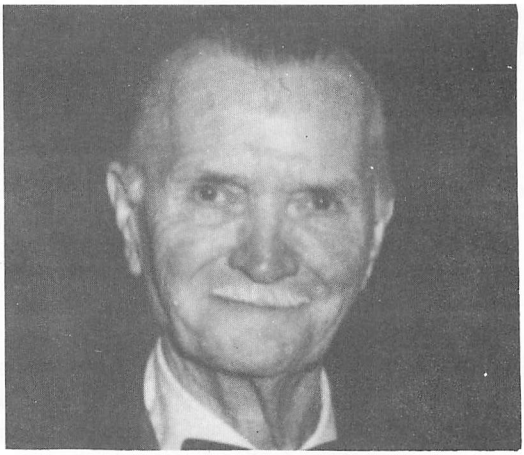
Lithuania organization recognizing his activities with and for the K of L's and his Lithuanian community leadership.

9) My father wrote the article regarding the Knights of Lithuania organization for the Lithuanian edition of the **Lietuvių Encyclopedia.** Even though the article mentions many names of K of L officers, etc. the name of my father does not appear in that article. Posterity may think that Leonard Šimutis was never associated with the organization! As active as my father was I do not really recall hearing him speak about his accomplishments to his family.

10) The last formal public function that my father attended was the Annual Chicago District K of L Banquet held at the Martinique on February 9, 1975, when Dr. George Wiltrakis was honored. My father was soon hospitalized after the banquet and died of cancer on April 17, 1975.

11) Among the very last diary entries made by my father was ". . . gavau linkėjimus nuo Mrs. Rogers L. vyčių apskričio ir v. choro vardu" (get well cards through Mrs. Rogers from the K of L Dictrict and K of L Choir).

Dr. Leonardas J. Šimutis
February 16, 1988



CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

During this Diamond Anniversary Convention, Honorary Membership will be confered upon this outstanding Knight, Konstant J. Savickus, for 60 years of extraordinary service to the Knights of Lithuania and for Lithuania.

The archives of Council 5, Mid-America District, Supreme Council and the Vytis chronicle the countless office's held, the functions and committees chaired and worked on and other services performed since "Konnie" became a member in 1928.

We will highlight some of the outstanding accomplishments which began back in the early 30's, when Konnie was President of C-5. He increased the membership in his Council from 8 to 98 members. In the District, he introduced inter-council golf and co-organized 12 inter-council basket-ball teams and even wrote a drama in Lithuanian, which was performed in the parishes. He was awarded the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees in the 1930's.

Mr. Savickus was the "Vytis" co-editor 1931 to 1933, the Editor from 1933 to 1935 and again in 1937, 1938 and 1941. This is a special service to the K of L, but the 1933-35 period was one where Konnie made one of the many extraordinary contributions to our organization.

The Vytis Press was in a state of bankruptcy when our membership was at its lowest ebb in 1933. Konnie's offer to the Supreme Council to try and resolve a very serious situation was accepted and he devoted much time from his law practice for an 18-month period, making the Vytis Press solvent again. He personally paid back rents and publishing costs and through his contacts and business acumen, paid off many other debts. All this while, he edited and kept the Vytis coming out on time each month. All of these services were donated.

Immediately after that, Konnie Savickus entered another period of devotion and sacrifice for the Lithuanian causes. It all started when 11 Chicago athletes (8 were K of L'ers) went to Kaunas in June 1935, to participate in th Olympiad. Seeing the potential of the young Lithuanian athletes, he offered, at no salary, to set aside his law practice for a year and remain there to teach basketball and swimming throughout the country. With this new training, basketball mushroomed and flourished. Konnie then found and convinced two more young men, Frank Talzunas and Phil Krause, to come to Lithuania to coach and to play on the Lithuanian team, which in 1937 was crowned Champion of all of Europe. They won that distinction again in 1939. In the interim Konnie taught swimming and in 1938, 22 new records were set by the Kaunas swimmers.

There were some exchange visits to the U.S.A. and Lithuania between teams and more American Lithuanians were encouraged to also spend time there, coaching and training. As a result, even today the USSR teams have Lithuanians as top players, following the occupation of Lithuania.

Konnie, who has a Doctor of Law Degree from North-western University, provided his services to the K of L as Legal Advisor for 19 years, without charging any legal fees for his work or advice. His legal professional history also includes work for the Army Signal Corps during WW II, he was Supervisor of Prosecution in the Cook County Courts and Chief of Law Enforcement for the City of Chicago for many years, before his retirement in 1981.

In 1950 Konnie introduced Life Membership in the K of L and became Life Member No. 1 of this special group which now has about 60 members. He also re-organized Council 5 in 1982 which, with Konnie as President, has over 50 members. In the Mid-America District, he has also been most generous. He donated $10.000 to the Building Fund which yields sizable interest annually for various District projects.

IN MEMORY OF CONSTANTINE JURGELA

Member, C-142, Washington, D. C.

This past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost yet another outstanding member with the death of CONSTANTINE JURGELA on February 29, 1988. He lived and worked in important gowernment positions, but never forgot he was Lithuanian. As he was an active member of the local Knights of Lithuania Council in Washington, let us recall some of his accomplishments, to honor him as we meet here in his home town.

"He believed passionately and worked ceaselessly for the right of all men to live in peace and freedom."

said Albert Cizauskas, a long-time friend and fellow K of L-er. "He has left behind a precious heritage that is like a beacon giving light and hope to all those who, like his compatriates in Soviet-occupied Lithuania, are struggling for human rights and political freedom."

Born in Elizabeth, NJ, he moved to Lithuania with his family at age 10. Even at age 15, he volunteered for the Lithuanian armed forces, in the 1919 successful effort to clear the country of Soviet Troups. He later served in the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After his arrival in the USA in 1924, he served in various positions in the Lithuanian Consulate and the Lithuanian American Information Center. Whatever his professional duties, Constantine Jurgela used them to the advantage of his Lithuanian Heritage.

1951, Mr. Jurgela became the first chief of the Lithuanian section at the Voice of America, where he served until his retirement in 1974. He also was an adviser on Lithuanian American interests to the staffs of Al Smith, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Wendel Wilkie, Thomas E. Dewey, John Foster Dulles and Fiorello LaGuardia. His "History of the Lithuanian Nation," published in 1948, was the first substantial work of its kind in English. An updated version, "Lithuania: the Outpost of Freedom" was published in 1976.

With all the other organizations in his life, the Knights of Lithuania was one of those closest to his heart. He was active in the New York — New Jersey District for many years and served as its president. When Council 142 was started in Washington, Mr. Jurgela joined it and was active in it, bringing his many legal and diplomatic talents to the organization.

The Knights of Lithuania, as well as the many other organizations which benefited from his many talents and his generous contributions to Lithuanian heritage, will miss CONSTANTINE JURGELA. May God grant him Eternal Peace in His Presence.

MARYTĖ BIZINKAUSKAS BILDA, SOPRANO

Marytė BizinkauskasBilda, an American soprano of Lithuanian descent, was a winner of the 1985 Metropolitan Opera National auditions. In her april 14, 1985 concert appearance at the Metropolitan Opera House, she was singled out by Will Crutchfield of the New York Times as the only singer who "electrified the audience with virtuosity and bravure."

Maryte received her Bachelor of Music Degree in Opera in 1983, from the Boston Conservatory of Music, where she studied voice with Iride Pilla. As a member of the Opera Workshop, she performed the roles of "Rosalinda" in **Die Fledermaus** and "La Bellezza" in Cavalli's **L'Egisto.** She also performed opera scenes from **Madama Butterfly** and **Rosenkavalier** at the Chatauqua Opera.

In May, 1985, Maryte received her Master of Music Degree in Opera from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelpha. Ms. Bizinkauskas has performed the roles of "Angelica" in Puccini's **Suor Angelica,** "Mrs. Hayes" in Floyd's **Susannah,** "Lia" in Debussy's **Prodigal Son** and "Zaide" in Rossini's **Turk in Italy.**

As a solo recitalist, Miss Bizinkauskas has sung more then 100 performances in the USA and Canada. She sang in the PBS documentary "Heroes in the Test of Time" produced by the Smithsonian World.

Today, Maryte is a member of the Toronto Opera Co. The daughter of Peter and Veronica Bizinkauskas of C-1, Brockton MA, Maryte is also a member of C-1, and takes part in Council activities whenever she can.

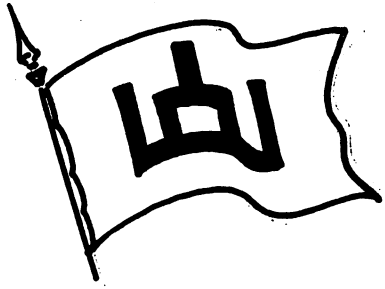
JANET ANN PETTIT, Classical Pianist

Janet Ann Pettit, daughter of Ralph and Ann Pettit of Council #63, Lehigh Valley, Pa. Janet will be a freshman in the fall at Immaculata College which is an all girls private Catholic college. Janet has received a talent grant from Immaculata for the piano. She will be studying music eduction.

Janet has been interested in music since Fourth Grade where she was instructed on the violin and later went on to learn to play the clarinet, organ, piano, guitar, saxaphone, xylophone and viola. She has been active in the strings, marching band, band, chorus and advanced chorus. Also has played piano accompliment for concerts in school including solos.

At age twelve, Janet started to play the organ at Mass at St. Marie Goretti Church in Hatfield. At age sixteen, she then started to play the organ for the Choir at church. Janet played the organ for St. Marie Goretti's choir for "The Mass" televised on Channel 6.

Beside her interest in music, she has an interest in the Lithuanian culture. In high school, Janet had a group of classmates act out the Kucious for her World Culture Class. She has also done papers on Lithuanian history and language.



How Do I See the Future of the Knighys of Lithuania?

I believe the future of the Knights of Lithuania is still full of promises. With the borders of Lithuania closed by Russia, and fewer allowed to immigrate to U.S., the predominantly Lithuanian — speaking Lithuanian organizations will experience difficulty growing. It is a know fact that less and less people are learning the language. Many of the American born Lithuanians who cannot speak the language have a strong desire to find out who they are and where they came from. The Knights of Lithuania can fill this void. The goal of the Knights of Lithuania is to keep alive an appreciation of the Lithuanian language, customs, and culture, as well as to assist in the fight to return independence to Lithuania.

I feel the Knights of Lithuania organization will survive another 75 years because we are a family oriented organization. From the families we can draw the young in as future members of our organization. We are a group of many different age groups and when we all work together, we all learn from each other. If the young and old maintain a young enthusiastic spirit, there is no question in my mind, that the Knights of Lithuania will have a bright future ahead.

Rita Zakarka
C-12 Chicago

Knights of Lithuania

75th NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 28-31, 1988

Convention Agenda

Wednesday, July 27, 1988

1:30 P. M. Bus tour of Washington for early arrivals
Registration

7:30 P. M. Bus tour of Washington for later arrivals

Thursday, July 28, 1988

9:00 A. M. Registration

9:00 A. M. Supreme Council Meeting

10:30 A. M. Opening Mass, St. Thomas Apostle Church
(Jointly with Lithuanian American Priests' League)

2:00 P. M. OPENING OF PLENARY SESSION

Presentation of Colors
Opening Prayer — Rev. A. J. Jurgelaitis, OP,
National Spiritual Advisor
Roll Call of National Officers

Welcome — Helen Shields,
75th National Convention Chairman

Greetings in Person
Greetings in Writing

"State of the Organization" Report
Frank Petrauskas, National President

Election of Convention Presidium and Committees

"Keynote Address", Vytautas Skuodis

"Reflections on History", Rev. William Wolkowich

6:00 P. M. Buses leave for Anniversary Party at
Ukrainian National Shrine Hall

Friday, July 29, 1988

8:30 A. M. Mass — St. Thomas Apostle Church

9:00 A. M. Registration

10:00 A. M. SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Opening Prayer
Report of Alphonse Trainis, National Treasurer
Report of Eugene Ashley and Mary Kincius,

National Trustees
Convention Business

11:00 A. M. YOUTH CONGREE in Australia
Reports by Rita Zakarka and Rima Hartvigas
Further discussion on Youth

Continuation of Convention Business

12:30 P. M. Lunch Break

2:00 P. M. THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Opening Prayer
Continuation of Convention Business

3:00 P. M. Presentation on Mykolas Norkunas, Leonard Simutis, Sr.,
Alexander Aleksis and Rev. John Jutt — Jutkevičius

Further — "Is there a future for The Knights of Lithuania"?

Continuation of Convention Business

8:30 P. M. Concert — Sheraton Washington Hotel

Saturday, July 30, 1988

9:00 A.M. Mass — St. Thomas Apostle Church

9:00 A. M. Registration

10:00 A. M. Junior Convention Session

10:00 A. M. FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Opening Prayer
Continuation of Convention Business
Resolutions
Presentation of Membership Awards
Frank Peterson, National 2nd Vice President, Membership
Report of the Nominating Committee

12:30 P. M. Lunch Break

2:00 P. M. FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

Opening Prayer

Report of the Junior Convention

Junior Convention Awards
Maryte Lepera, National 3rd Vice President, Juniors

Election of National Officers and Committee Chairman
Resolutions
Completion of Convention Business
Selection of the 76th National Convention Site

Report of the Mandate Committee
Host Announcements
Closing Prayer

VYČIŲ HIMNAS — Knights of Lithuania Anthem

7:00 P. M. 75th Anniversary Banquet and Dance, Sheraton Washington Hotel

Elevation of Honorary Membership, Konstant Savickus
Scholarship Awards
Presentation of "Friend of Lithuania" Award

Sunday, July 31, 1988

10:00 A. M. Brunch — Sheraton Washington Hotel

12:00 Noon Buses depart for National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

1:30 P. M. Convention Photo and Procession to Church

2:00 P. M. Mass of Thanksgiving,
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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Rev. Joseph E. Dunn

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Rev. Paul A. Gilis-Gailevicius

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May the fruits of our labours which helped us succesfully reach this Diamond Jubilee nurture and strengthen us, to assure an effective future for the Knights of Lithuania in the service of GOD and COUNTRY.

JACK & LORETTA STUKAS, Honorary Members

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Congratulations Knights on the 75th.

FROM ALL THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, Council 141

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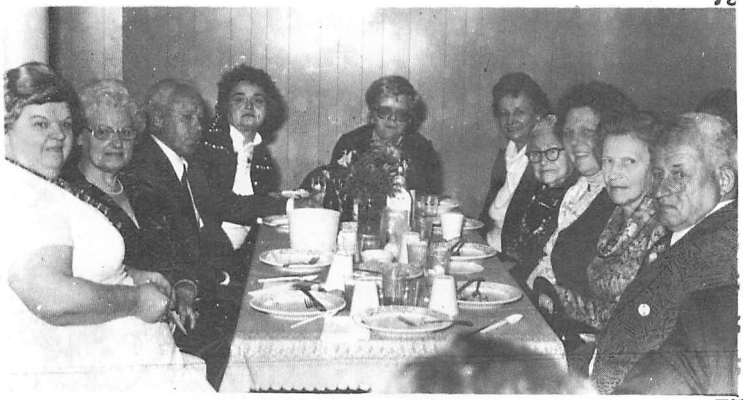

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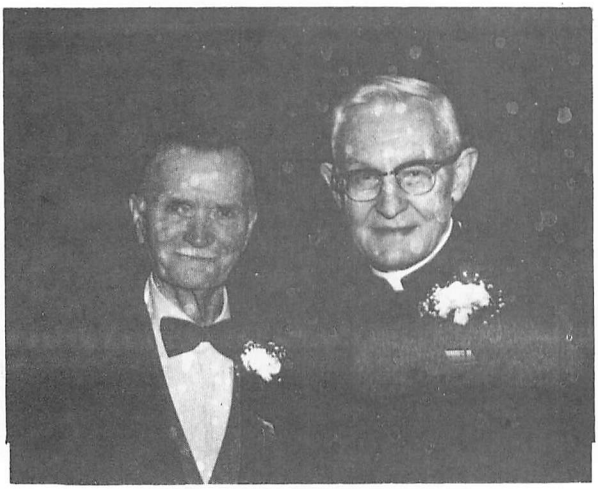

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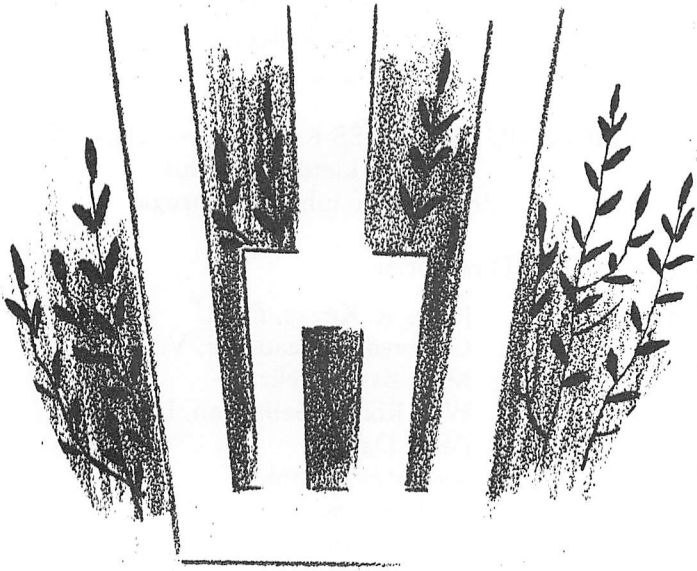

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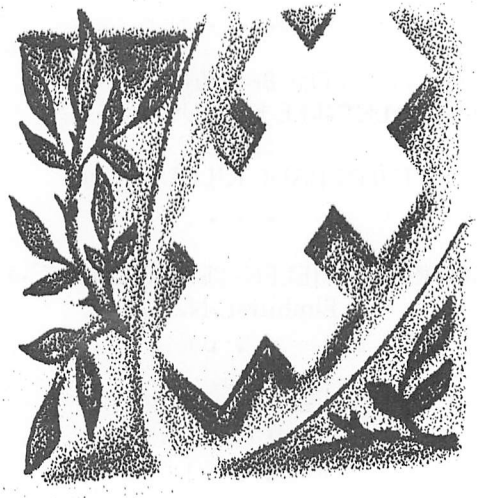

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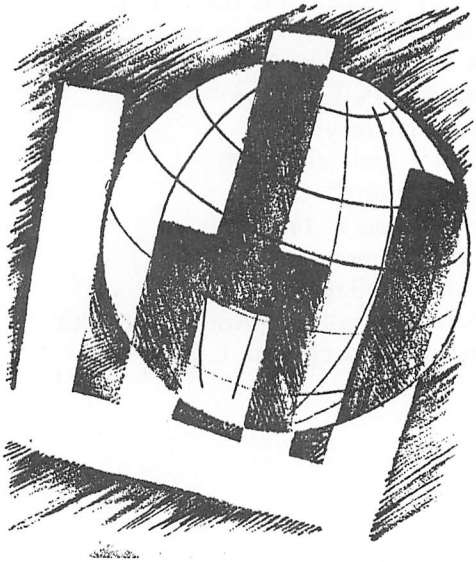

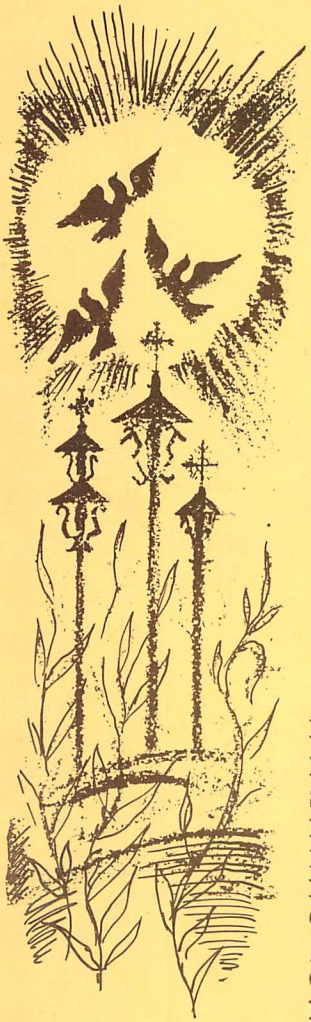

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Ir meiliai tarpu savęs šneka
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Ten prakaitas aplieja žmones
Prie vasaros sunkių darbų
Ir prastas parėdas marškonis
Apdengia sąnarius visų.
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Kaip tik nueisi į svečius, —
Ten tave myli, valgydina,
Kiek tiktai leidžia išteklius.
Ir grakščios tos šalies merginos
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Ir gieda lietuviai varguoliai,
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Prie rūtų lenkia kvepiančių,
Dainuodamos jas meiliai laisto,
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Gamta su tavim, rodos, šneka:
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O, tėviške! koks mielas kraštas,
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To neišreikš nė vienas raštas,
Tai pasakys vieni jausmai...

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